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## ROBBERIES AGAIN AROUSE ATTENTION IN DARE COUNTY

### Manns Harbor Post Office Robbed; Wise Market Again Victimized by Thieves

Roscoe Turner, Negro cook was in Dare County jail Monday charged with the robbery of Wise's Market in Manteo on Saturday night. Sheriff Frank Cahoon said Tuesday that Turner had admitted committing the robbery alone. A search at the home of Louvada Latham who lives near the Manteo town limits, and with whom Turner lived, revealed some meats which the market owners identified as having come from their store. They said some \$125 worth of merchandise was removed. Turner didn't admit taking cigarettes and other items which were missing from the store, but said he got some meat and other eats.

The Manns Harbor postoffice Saturday night was entered through a rear window, and some \$56 and odd cents were missing from a cash drawer. The incident was reported to the FBI and Sheriff Cahoon made an investigation but found no clues. Miss Inez Gibbs is the postmaster.

Wise's Market has been the victim of several robberies during the past several years, and with heavy losses resulting. It is situated across the highway from the Manteo town limits, and is known to be without police observation. On one occasion a group of negroes carried away the store safe along with much other merchandise. For this crime some of them did terms in prison. Several other robberies at this store resulted in no convictions.

Turner was charged with stealing three lbs. boneless ham; four pounds pork chops, one fresh shoulder, one beef bone, \$1.50 in pennies and \$2 in nickels.

### Other Court News

Beside binding Turner over to Superior Court, bond being set at \$1,500, Judge Washington Baum tried several other cases this week. Turner will remain the guest of Dare County until the May term of court and is now comfortable and well fed in the luxurious new Dare County jail recently partially completed at a cost of upwards of \$100,000.

Fines of \$5 each and court costs were assessed against defendants as follows: Nellie T. Perry, Kill Devil Hills, using improper license plates; E. R. Midgett, Manteo, driving on the wrong side while passing another car; Tony D. Tillett, Nags Head for failing to observe a stop sign; Lillie B. Parker of Manteo, improper lights.

For careless and reckless driving, L. A. Quidley of Manteo, and Nancy Ann Mercer of Jarvisburg each paid \$25 and costs.

Ralph C. Midgett of Manteo paid the costs, \$8.50, hauling a load which extended too far beyond the side of his vehicle.

A. R. Chambers of Elizabeth City paid \$10 and costs for speeding at 65 miles per hour.

## CASH PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED FOR DARE BEAUTIFICATION WORK

At the beautification planning meeting January 30 at the courthouse in Manteo it was decided to divide the prize money (now \$100) into one group or club prize of \$50 and individual prizes of \$5 each for 10 or more individuals in different areas. It is hoped that more prize money can be raised.

Contracts are planned to obtain films on beautification projects to be shown to all school children and to all adult clubs.

On February 12 score sheets will be made and mimeographed so that each club or individual may have one.

February 27 at 2 p.m. in the courthouse the committee chairmen will meet and present their definite plan. After this plan is presented, the judges will be notified and work will begin.

## MAJOR ETHERIDGE SENT TO ICELAND FOR A YEAR

Major Harold Etheridge, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Etheridge of Woodleaf, and grandson of Mrs. A. D. Swindell and the late Adam D. Etheridge of Manteo, has been sent to Iceland for a year's tour of duty. Major Etheridge has many friends on Roanoke Island, where he has visited frequently. His wife and three children will remain in Waco, Texas, where they are living, until the end of the school year. Major Etheridge was formerly stationed at James Connelly Air Force Base in Waco. He entered the service in 1942, and served overseas in Europe and the Pacific.

## MORE OF THE HANDSOME, BEARDED BOYS GROOMING FOR THE JAMBOREE



COME APRIL 24th, these whiskers and more will thrill and delight numerous women folk who will come to the Dare beaches for the big annual Pirate Jamboree, scheduled for three days, and which always starts off with the world's biggest fish fry on Hatteras Island, always free of course. There will be more and better whiskers this year. Any lady who wishes the name and address of any of the above real he-men looking birds, can get it from us by sending a \$5 bill in an envelope. Three names and addresses for \$10 or the whole shebang for \$25 flat. Don't rush, take it slowly. — Photo by Ayeck Brown.

## CO. COMMISSIONERS APPROVE \$600 FOR WANCHESE HARBOR

### County Audit for 1955-56 Is Delivered at Tuesday's Board Meeting

The Dare County Board of Commissioners unanimously agreed Tuesday to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$600 for the purpose of deepening a boat harbor at Wanchese Wharf, and to supervise this expenditure a committee was appointed, consisting of Melvin R. Daniels, James W. Davis, and Richard H. Gray. The board stipulated that all necessary easements and right-of-ways must be obtained prior to the expenditure of any of these funds.

In the matter of the installation of 20 street lights at Wanchese and the payment of the electric bill, the board agreed to act on behalf of the citizens of Wanchese and, as their agent, to accept invoices from Virginia Electric and Power Co. with the understanding that the people of Wanchese will pay such invoices. The board also provided that there be no stipulation that the people of Wanchese must raise the estimated annual cost of this project in advance.

The county audit for the fiscal year 1955-1956 was delivered to the board at Tuesday's meeting, and the board accepted same and ordered that Auditor R. O. Howard be paid for preparing it.

The commissioners approved the use of \$100 of home and farm agents department funds towards carrying on the beautification project currently being promoted in Dare County by the home and farm agents.

Alvah H. Ward, Jr., chairman of the Dare County Tourist Bureau, reported to the board on that organization's activities and assured the board that all parts of the See BOARD, Page Eight

## PREDICTS BIG CHANNEL BASS SEASON ON COAST

Channel bass will be caught well to the north of their annual range this coming season and the spring and early summer runs of the species in Virginia, the Carolinas and Georgia will be exceptionally good, according to the predictions of Hal Lyman, publisher of SALT WATER SPORTSMAN Magazine.

"Although the run of channel bass will not compare to that of the old days in the north," Lyman said, "I am willing to bet my favorite jig that enough of the species will be taken from southern New Jersey waters during the coming season to excite comment among coastal anglers."

"There are several sound reasons for the image that appears in my crystal gleeput," he continued. "First, the hatches of three and four years ago apparently were excellent and the 'puppy drum' from those hatches will be on the prowl for more feeding grounds. Second, the water temperatures along the coast have been warmer during the past few years and this will favor a northward move. Third, the fall run in 1957 along the Carolina Outer Banks and in Virginia was one of the best in many years. Finally, the legal action taken by North Carolina to prevent excessive exploitation of the species is beginning to be felt."

## TO HEAD DARE COUNTY'S HEART FUND CAMPAIGN



WOODSON B. "WOODY" FEARLING of Manteo will be Dare County's chairman of the 1958 Heart Fund drive, which is to be conducted during the month of February, it was announced this week by the North Carolina Heart Association in Chapel Hill, an affiliate of the American Heart Association.

The Heart Fund campaign is nationwide and will reach its high point on Heart Sunday, February 23, with a door-to-door collection carried by scores of local Heart Sunday volunteers. A large portion of the funds collected are retained in the state to support research and local heart programs.

The objective of the annual drive, Mr. Fearling declared in accepting the appointment, is to obtain support for the association's research, public and professional education and community heart.

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## SURVEY OF OUTER BANKS IS TO SEEK EROSION REMEDIES

### Report Being Submitted to Chief of Engineers, Virginia Line to Ocracoke Inlet

The Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors at its meeting on 28 January, 1958, held in Washington, D. C., considered the report of the District Engineer, U. S. Army Engineer District, Wilmington, N. C., and the Division Engineer, U. S. Army Engineer Division, South Atlantic, Atlanta, Georgia, and recommended a survey of the Outer Banks between the Virginia State line and Hatteras Inlet, N. C., to determine the specific locations for remedial works, if any, and the most practicable plans, in conjunction with other shore-protection works, for providing protection from hurricanes, the cost and economic justification thereof, and the amount and type of local cooperation required.

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The Board's reports are being processed for submission to the Chief of Engineers.

## UNCLE WILLIE FROM WANCHESE WRITES:

DEAR MISTER EDITOR: I heard about a feller onct who always put a dollar and a dime in the church envelope fer foreign missions, with this note: "The dime is fer them heathens, and the dollar is fer the missionaries to git it to 'em." I want to pitch part of my sermon today around that thought.

The reason we got such high federal taxes is because all the states in the Union is always running to Washington to git something. They demand "States Rights" but spend half their time in Washington begging. And like the feller on foreign missions, we send a dollar up there to fetch back a dime.

And what disturbs me is that we seem so grateful fer the dime. It reminds me of the story about the Indian and his dog. The Indian gives his dog as a reward fer faithful service a piece of the dog's own tail. The Indian started feeding the front end of his dog by cutting off a piece of the tail end. He kept this up till the dog had eat hisself up. The story goes that ever time the Indian give the dog a bite the dog licked his chops fer more.

That's us, Mister Editor, in this federal aid business. Ever time we git that dime back we lick our chops fer more. We've been feeding the front end from the back end so long that it's beginning to hurt us at both ends.

The tail has been wagging the dog in this Federal business so long that we're running out of tail to wag with.

Some feller said the other day that the United States was now in the Jackass Age. I figger the taxpayer is the king jackass of 'em all.

It's a sight in this world, fer instant, how much the taxpayers must have to pay fer all this literature the Government sends out to farmers. I got a pamphlet the other day explaining that a person in middle age is a feller that has "survived infancy, childhood, and youth." I appreciate their artistic use of that word "survive." In this day and time if a feller can weather them three stages of life he ought to live to be a hundred. But I don't appreciate them using my money to print and mail such junk.

Well, Mister Editor, I better knock off fer this time. I see the mail man coming, and he's shore to have another communication from Washington. I reckon it's gitting about time to make another survey of my patches so's I can rotate my chops. You can't git no adjustment checks unless you "rotate," and the mail man probably has something telling me all about it.

Your truly,  
Uncle Willie

## HYDE GOODS AND GUNS RECOVERED IN DARE COUNTY

### Stolen Items Found in Marvin Hooper Home By New Tenant

Discovery of several items stolen from a parked car in Engelhard early in January, by a Navy man when he went to live in the Marvin Hooper homeplace at Stumpy Point recovered most of the loot, but the men guilty of the theft are still free.

The items were missed, and because of his long court and prison record, Buren Twiford of Stumpy Point, and three companions who were drinking beer in the Town Tavern at Engelhard were suspected. The car from which the items were stolen was parked in front of the town tavern. The missing items were listed as follows: Two guns, three coats and two pairs of boots.

With Twiford were Albert Gray and an unidentified Navy boy of Stumpy Point, and Frankie Hemilwright, Jr. of Manns Harbor. They had gone to Engelhard in pairs in two cars, and on leaving Engelhard had changed partners.

The Hyde County officer got in touch with the Dare County Sheriff and the four suspects were questioned, but they denied any part in the affair, as anyone might have expected, and that ended the case.

But when Chief Stanley D. Webb started to set up housekeeping in the long vacant Hooper home, he found the stolen items in the attic, indicating that someone acquainted at Stumpy Point was implicated in the theft, which now becomes another of the long list of unsolved mysteries in Dare County.

## COMES BACK HOME TO HATTERAS AND BUYS RESTAURANT

### "Bob" Ballance Forsakes Navy After 21 Years, And Long Service in Pacific

Thurman B. Ballance, 45, known to his friends as "Bob" came back home the other day after 21 years with the Navy, threw his Navy career behind him and bought his Uncle Horton Austin's place, and with Mrs. Ballance will run an eating place to be called the Channel Bass Restaurant. Mr. Ballance is the son of the late E. B. and Lovey Ballance. His father was a Coast Guardsman too.

"Bob" Ballance entered the Coast Guard service in 1930 where he served three years. He married the former Marion Whitehead Lucey, of Cleveland, O. and whose parents moved from Beaufort to Ohio many years ago. The couple have four children, Mrs. Estelle Mealison, Howard Wayne, Lovey Alice and Kenneth. Mrs. Ballance has two children by an earlier marriage, Edward L. Lucey, a Scripps Howard newspaperman and Richard Lucey, a travelling salesman.

Most of Mr. Ballance's service since 1930 was spent in the Pacific. He was at Pearl Harbor when the Japs bombed it. He served in Guam, the Philippines and other areas. He took much interest in athletics, coached for baseball and basketball and is proud of his championship teams, four members of which qualified for the Olympics.

## DARE NPS UNITS DECREASE IN VISITATIONS

An indication that January 1958 was a rough month for travel was reflected in the monthly visitor reports just released as compared to January 1957. There was much colder than usual weather in January and there were gray skies and stormy weather to discourage travel in the area.

Fort Raleigh National Historic Site showed only a 1.6 percent decrease under January 1957 with a total of 1,120 persons visiting the famous site of The Lost Colony and its summer season drama.

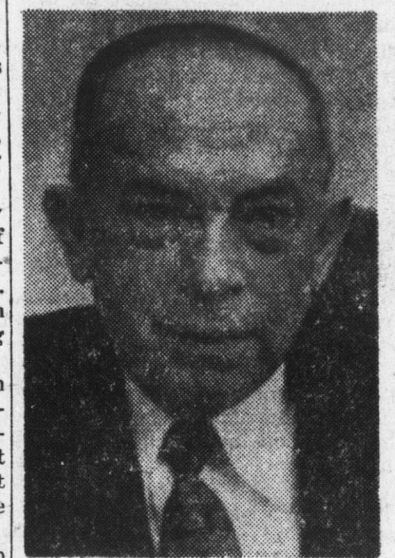
With only 2,674 persons counted entering Cape Hatteras National Seashore (not including local and inter-community travel) the visitation figures showed a 52.6 percent decrease under December 1957 and 62.5 percent decrease under January 1958.

A total of 2,406 cars (excluding local traffic) were counted at the Wright Brothers National Monument Site for an estimated total of 6,301 persons. Of the estimated total, only 777 persons at the site of the Wright Brothers Flight Flight climbed Kill Devil Hill to place their name on the registration book in the monument.

## NOW ANOTHER BIG RAW DEAL DISHED OUT TO THE PEOPLE OF DARE BY THEIR OFFICIALS

### Would Spend \$63,000 to Surface a Better Road to Chairman Duvall's Store, Ignoring Important Road Needs of People in Other Parts of County; Heavy Allotment to Compatriot Perry in Kitty Hawk; and Mere Sop to Salvage Nuke Midgett in Kennekeet.

## HERBERT BONNER AGAIN FILES FOR CONGRESSMAN



HAVING served his district as its representative in Congress since 1940 Herbert C. Bonner of Washington, N. C. has again filed for re-nomination in the Democratic primary. Mr. Bonner has served with marked ability, great distinction and success. His success has been marked by many benefits to the area he serves, including large improvements on Ocracoke Island, Hatteras harbor and island, the Wanchese and Oregon Inlet project, the Mattamuskeet and Engelhard projects in Hyde, drainage projects in Beaufort; and dozens of others. He holds national prominence in Congress and among his several duties in Washington he is chairman of the committee on Merchant Marine and fisheries.

## GREATER SNOW GEESE STILL AT PEA ISLAND

Rodanthe.—There was a tradition hereabouts for a great many years that the rare Greater Snow Geese, for which Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge was created in 1948 as a winter home for the unusual waterfowl, arrived on or about Armistice Day (November 11) and departed on Old Christmas (January 5) for their Arctic breeding grounds. This year the wildfowl, all white except for their black wingtips, when in adult stage, upset the old tradition. In the February count of Refuge Manager L. B. Turner he estimated approximately 2,000 Greater Snows still on the flats of northern Hatteras Island.

Peak count of Greater Snows in December was more than 10,000 at Pea Island. Now, according to old tradition all are supposed to be moving northward via Upper Currituck Sound and Back Bay, where they stop for more feeding, towards their far north summer residence.

In addition to the Greater Snows, approximately 10,000 Canada geese and almost 5,000 ducks of all varieties are feeding at Pea Island, according to the count which also included three blue geese, 23 whistling swan, three blue winged teal and one canvasback duck. The great variety of waterfowl, shorebirds and general birdlife at Pea Island makes it a year around attraction for ornithologists and bird-watchers.

## MANY ASKING ABOUT VACATIONING IN DARE

Manteo.—The first week of February resulted in the largest number of vacation inquiries being received by Dare County Tourist Bureau than at any time since mid-September 1957. There was a 50 percent increase in inquiries during the week at February's beginning this year as compared to the same period one year ago.

"This we believe," said Alvah H. Ward, chairman of Dare County Tourist Bureau's board of directors, is an indication that 1958 will be a good travel and vacation year for the Outer Banks region.

The majority of inquiries were from the Pennsylvania, Ohio and New Jersey regions, and while about half of the inquiries asking for information were checked in instances, others asked about hotel-motels.

To show how badly some parts of Dare County may expect to fare so far as road improvements are concerned, may be learned by a road map and figures displayed in the back end of the vault of the office of Register of Deeds of Dare County. In keeping with things of this sort, which are better for some to be kept in the dark, it is not displayed on the bulletin board space as is usual, in the front hall of the courthouse.

Of nearly a quarter million dollars planned to be spent by the highway commission, nearly a third of it is earmarked to black-top a road to Chairman Claude Duvall's store at Buffalo City, an all but abandoned lumber camp, where only one home is listed for taxes. And Chairman Duvall's store, not even in his own name, is listed for tax purposes at \$200 and his merchandise not listed at all. The total tax revenue paid by citizens of the village if collected, doesn't amount to \$70 a year, including Mr. Duvall's taxes of \$22.39 which includes his two automobiles. The village doesn't pay \$100 a year in tag taxes, nor does it have a traffic of 50 cars a day, as the map purports to show.

Yet the State would spend \$63,000 to build 2 miles of road to Mr. Duvall's store, which has an exceptionally good dirt road, passable at all times, in top condition now, despite our recent bad weather.

There are now only two homes having a worthy appearance in the village, the remainder being tumble down dwellings built for loggers over 50 years ago, and long abandoned, recently donated, we are told, to those people who had moved into them,—the buildings considered worthless by the West Virginia Pulp & Paper Co. which still owns the land under the houses, and all the area about them.

In this small village, in which several people live on a residence of short expectancy, considering whatever employment turns up, there are only 20 people counting Mr. Duvall, who spends part of his time elsewhere. Having perhaps the best dirt road in Dare County, it is now proposed to send a per capita sum of more than \$3,000 to aid these citizens get out on the highway on black top.

In order to get this project set up, along with other projects in See RAW DEAL, Page Four

## TWO NEW WORLD RECORDS MADE AT CAPE HATTERAS

Buxton.—Amelia Ballance and Alfred Gray of Buxton on Cape Hatteras, both former members of the U. S. Coast Guard Service and now retired to their homes here are the channel bass champions of 1957, according to Dale Shaw, secretary, International Game Fish Association, the organization which make the official decision when it comes to classing matches piscatorially.

Miss Ballance, a former C. G. Spar retained her all-tackle woman's record, (she had held briefly in 1953) by bringing in a 63 pound channel bass on October 31. She was using 27 pound test line and her big fish replaced an all-tackle (for women) tie of 1954 made by Mrs. R. O. Brownell of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. H. A. Bradley of Cape Charles with 54 1/2-pounders.

Shaw recently congratulated Gray for his 61 pound channel bass caught in surf here early in November 1957. His fish has become the new men-women all-tackle record for 20 pound test line, replacing Victor Lichtenstein's 51-pounder caught in Delaware in September 1948.

A third unbeaten 12-pound test line world record channel bass was caught by Art Clark, of Fox Chase Manor, Pa., at Nags Head in 1954.

## CIVIL DEFENSE MOVIES TO BE SHOWN FRIDAY NIGHT

Motion pictures concerning Civil Defense and fire fighting and prevention will be shown Friday night at 8 p.m. at the Kill Devil Hills Town Hall, according to announcement by C. B. Butler, director of Civil Defense for the town of Kill Devil Hills. The public is invited and urged to attend.